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"It Is Respectable to Be American"

Hiram Johnson, of California, Says the Above Notion Should Be Revived. He Is Right.

Conditions do not suit Hiram Johnson, Senator from California, and when Johnson is not pleased with conditions he tells you so quite frankly. Here is a statement by Senator Johnson recommended to your attention. He possesses the faculty of plain speaking:

"It's time for Americans to awake. Five months have passed since the armistice, since we did the job for which America entered the war.
Own Ills Neglected.
"During all this time we've been afflicted with a mental far-sightedness which enabled us to see the ills and the possibilities of Finland and Poland, of Courland and Latvia, of Estonia and Lithuania, of Czechoslovakia and Jugoslavia, of Armenia and Syria, and even of the Hedjaz of Arabia; but which has prevented us from seeing or caring for the ills and problems of our own.
"Five months now after the end of the war we have a million and a half men in France and Germany; American boys in Siberia under Japanese command; American boys in northern Russia under English command, and what this means can be told by the fathers and mothers of Detroit from the letters of their sons.
"Five months after we've made the good fight and won, England is acquiring a world monopoly of oil, and has the cable and radio monopoly, and is reaching for the world's commerce; Japan is in some undisclosed manner endeavoring to establish a foothold upon our border; Korea is in revolt, only held in subjection by ruthless cruelty; China is seething and is publicly notified by Japan that if she publishes the secret treaties which place her in subjection, Japan will punish her.
Soldiers Ask Justice.
"Our demobilized soldiers ask only justice and work and get

neither; our ordinary business lags and because of Government inactivity or indifference cannot resume its normal condition; unemployment increases daily and foreign agitators play upon distress and discontent.
"Our commuting Government hovers around European capitals, basking in the sunlight of foreign adulation.
"The President is in Paris, the Secretary of State there, the Secretary of the Navy in Italy, the Secretary of War on his way to Europe, the heads of various administrative departments are scattered east and west, and north and south in Europe—there's nobody home in America.
"It has become a reproach in many quarters now to think in terms of America for America first. It's time to cry a halt. Let's make it respectable to be American again.
"While our future fate is being secretly debated and secretly decided in Paris, and while we are denied the slightest knowledge of decisions which may alter the destiny of the Republic, loyal Americans here may well think of their own. The war has shown us our grave problems.
"Americanization, unemployment, normal business conditions, intelligently grappling with and throttling discontent and resentment which may turn to worse, destruction of any noxious foreign growth which threatens our institutions—all these insistently cry for attention and solution, but are put by for world dreams. Let's care for, guard and protect our own. Bring American boys home and let's be Americans again."

Those that most earnestly appreciate the importance of the RIGHT KIND of peace agreement among the nations, the kind that would suit America, will read with attention Senator Johnson's statement.

This country wants peace, would like to have it without fighting, but is willing to fight for it if necessary, as has just been shown.

This nation does not intend, however, to give up any part of its own rights, including its powers under the Monroe doctrine to prevent European nations from extending their quarrels to this continent. The United States does not intend to be put in a position to be ordered about the globe by other nations or a majority of other nations.

The citizens of this country do not intend that anybody on their behalf shall agree, in case France, England and Italy order it, to conscript American citizens, and send them to fight in Armenia, or Russia, or Kamchatka, or to straighten out the problems of the Hedjaz of Arabia.

The people of the United States want peace, will enter into any agreement that promises to establish peace. The United States will NOT enter into any agreement that would make this country ONE state in a group of states, to be ordered about by a majority resident on the other side of the Atlantic ocean.

The United States will help and back up every effort for peace. It will not tolerate any suggestion that outsiders should be allowed to decide WHEN American soldiers shall be conscripted without their consent, or WHERE they shall be sent to fight across the water, or in WHAT quarrels they shall be set to fighting.

There is enough over here for the people to attend to. It should be sufficient for the United States to say: "We approve peace, we want it. We intend, as we have proved, to make any reasonable sacrifice in behalf of peace. But we do not intend to exchange American sovereignty for European partnership. We intend that only AMERICANS shall have the power to conscript AMERICANS. And that settles it."

Once-Overs

MAKING THE GIRLS WASH THE DISHES.

Mothers, you are not being kind to those daughters of yours when you allow them to avoid doing work about the house which necessarily places additional burdens upon you.
You are assisting in making them selfish, unfeeling and lazy.
You are preparing to send them into matrimony lacking the knowledge and industry necessary to maintain happiness in their future homes.
Often you complain of the drudgery in your life and your statement causes the daughters to think that when they marry it will be for money enough to avoid the hardships mother endured.
Marriage then becomes to them more or less of a mercenary bargain.
Even if they do not take the mercenary view and actually believe that love is the most important factor, the fact that you have not allowed them to share the "drudgeries," as you call it, makes them inefficient housekeepers, and is bound to result in discontent and unhappiness through life wherever they branch out for themselves.
A slovenly conducted home, poorly cooked meals, an inefficient (and nearly always) nervous, easily irritated wife, will rob any home of its pleasure.

When Hubby Comes Marching Home By T. E. Powers

